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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: STRACHAN et al

Entitled: PACKET-SWITCHED NETWORK AND NETWORK SWITCHES HAVING A NETWORK LAYER  
FORWARDING ACTION PERFORMED BY DATA LINK SWITCHING

and including attachments as noted below:

- ☒ Newly executed Declaration, ☐ Copy of Declaration from prior application, ☒ Abstract  
☐ Please **delete** the following inventors in the continuation/division/continuation-in-part application:

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13 pages of specification and claims (including 5 numbered claims), and

5 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

☒ Record the attached assignment to 3Com Corporation, Marlborough, Massachusetts and return to the undersigned.

☐ Attached is a Power of Attorney.

☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
0227614.5	Great Britain	27 November 2002

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

☐ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached.

☐ Certified copy(ies) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ in prior appln. no. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ "Small entity" statement attached.

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